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Dear Roger:

I shall certainly not join CASE, believing as I do that an excellent case can be made out, especially by scientists, for voting Eisenhower and the Republicans into retirement:

Count 1: The Astin case.

Count 2: Its disgraceful sequel in the report discarding the scientific findings in the battery additive case.

Count 3: The crass, brutal handling of the Oppenheimer case.

Count 4: The low ebb of scientific representation and of Science Advisers in the State Department, for which the President must accept final responsibility.

Count 5: The prostitution of its functions by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare under Oveta Culp Hobby in summarily cancelling a number of unclassified research grants on the basis of vague, unsupported charges and political, instead of scientific criteria, as well as its continuing refusal to offer, in writing, to reinstate these grants in spite of the Executive directive of a change of policy.

Count 6: The President's loyalty directives, the harm of which to science and the people of the U. S. can never be undone by the belated appeal to a committee of the National Academy of Sciences.

Count 7: The restrictions imposed by the Department of Commerce on the free flow of unclassified scientific information.

Count 8: The prolonged difficulties of native and foreign scientists with the U. S. Passport Bureau.

Count 9: The President's continued refusal to negotiate the end of tests of the hydrogen bomb.

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No, Roger, my motto is:

For U.S. the best:
Vote Ike a rest!

Sincerely yours,

Michael Heidelberger

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